

The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

25 January 1988

NOTE TO: Director, National Security Agency

Attached is the signed version of the response to Senator Helms. The reply was delivered first thing this morning. A copy of this has been sent to Frank Carlucci as well.



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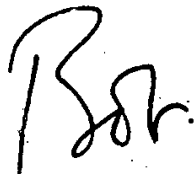
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Gates", is positioned above the printed name.

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January 25, 1988

The Honorable Jesse Helms  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Helms:

I am responding to your letters of January 22, 1988 to General Odom and me. We have reviewed the [redacted] classified information cited in the attachment to your letter. This information is, in fact, contained in a recent draft of Volume II of National Intelligence Estimate [redacted] The information is substantively accurate, although the final wording in the published version will, in some cases, be slightly different. In some cases, the citations omit reference to important caveats and additional observations. These statements are excerpts from a much broader set of judgments and issues regarding the monitoring of the INF Treaty and, in my view, by themselves do not constitute a sufficient basis on which to draw conclusions about the overall monitorability of the Treaty. This volume of the NIE [redacted] has not yet been published. The judgments and information therein have been briefed to policy officials, negotiators, and in response to requests from members of Congress and security-cleared staff. A summary has been published.

I and my colleagues from the Intelligence Community will be prepared to discuss the issues you have raised during my testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on January 29. However, it is my understanding that intelligence monitoring capabilities will be discussed in detail in several

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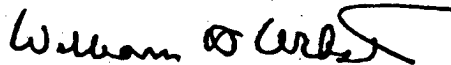
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hearings scheduled by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. I would ask you to consult with Chairman Pell, SSCI Chairman Boren, and SSCI Vice Chairman Cohen regarding the appropriate forum for detailed discussion of sensitive intelligence information regarding the monitorability of the INF Treaty.

Sincerely,



William H. Webster

cc: Senator Claiborne Pell,  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
Senator David L. Boren  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Intelligence  
Senator William S. Cohen  
Vice Chairman, Senate Committee on Intelligence

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